മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ജനറലായിട്ട് ചോദിച്ചാൽ പറയുവാൻ പ്രയാസമാണ്. ചില സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ തൊട്ടും ചില സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ തൊടാതെയും കിടക്കും.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: നമ്മുടെ വെള്ളം ഉപയോഗിച്ചും നീവ്വാരം തരാത്ത പല നിലങ്ങളും ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽ ഉണ്ട്. അതു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അവക്ക് പ്രത്യേകമായിട്ട വെള്ളം കൊടുത്തില്ലെങ്കിലും ഉറവുവെള്ളംകൊണ്ടും നനക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കും.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: കൊച്ചി സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിൽ ഇങ്ങിനെ നനക്കുന്ന നിലങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു നിബ്ബന്ധമായിട്ട് നീവ്വാരം പിരിക്കുന്നില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: കൊച്ചിയിലെ ഭൂമിക്കും ബ്രിട്ടീഷിലെ ഭൂമിക്കും സ്ഥലകാലങ്ങളിൽ കുറെ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ട്. അതു നമ്മുടെ അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേഷൻ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽതന്നെയുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എസ്സ്. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ: നിയമത്തിനുവിരോധമായി അവകാശമില്ലാത്ത നിലങ്ങളിൽ വെള്ളം എടുക്കുന്ന ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഭൂമികളിൽനിന്നു നീവ്വാരം പിരിക്കുവാനുള്ള കത്തിടപാടു നടത്തുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ട് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ഈ ചോദ്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയെല്ലാം ആലോചിക്കാം.

ATTACHMENT OF SALARIES OF OFFICERS EMPLOYED IN THE COCHIN HARBOUR

23. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether attachments are issued on the salaries of officers serving in the Cochin Harbour and attached offices from the Civil Courts in British Cochin and other Civil Courts in British India and Travancore without the knowledge of the District Court of Anjikaimal;

(*b*) if so, why?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether the Harbour authorities have been on receiving D. O.s from the British Cochin Sub-courts reducing the salaries given to to their subordinates without a regular attachment from our Courts?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: When information was gathered on this question a report was received that no attachment orders have been received direct by the Port Authorities.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether on an unofficial correspondence from British Cochin Court requesting the Harbour Authorities to get the amount from the officers concerned, the Harbour Authorities reduce a portion of the pay of the Harbour employees and remit the amount to the Court?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: They cannot do it under law unless the party agrees. The party affected is the judgment debtor. But do not think that the A. O. will do anything contrary to law and no complaint from any judgment debtor has been received.

UNIFORMS FOR POLICEMEN—SUPPLY OF

24. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether tenders were called for the supply of uniforms to the policemen in the State;

(*b*) what were the terms of the contract for the supply of these uniforms;

(*c*) are Government aware that the colour of the uniforms have become very pale?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The terms of the contract are as per details furnished in the tender notification published in the Government Gazette.

(*c*) Yes. The prescribed Khaki could not be had in the market and hence the best available Khaki was allowed to be used for the uniforms.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Sir, is it not a fact that these policemen in their new uniforms look extremely dull and not smart. Can you not avoid such things in future?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The explanation is given in the answer.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Is there any reduction of price?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: No. It does not depend upon the price at all. It entirely depends upon the availability of stock.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NAMES OF THE PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

Mr. President: I have to inform the House that Messrs C. V. Iyyu and A. Eachara Menon have been nominated as a panel of chairmen.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT No. 7—*(cont.)*

Rs. 1,250 under "31—Industries and Commerce Reserved—A.—Direction and Inspection—Miscellaneous"

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Of the several points raised by the Hon'ble Member who opposed this grant yesterday, so far as I can see, there is only one relevant issue, and that is, why is it that the Government did not call upon the lessees to pay the insurance premium. I shall just explain that point first. At the time when the Government decided to renew the lease there was no idea at all of a war risks insurance as will be seen from the dates which I will give you now. On 17th July 1942 the proclamation making the War Risks Insurance obligatory on all factories was promulgated. It was on 15th August 1942 that it was decided by the Government that the Potteries, the Cochin Government Press and the Tramway Workshop should all be insured, while the decision to renew the lease for another 17 years was made so early as January 1942 and the Managing Directors were informed of the decision of the Government so early as 21st January 1942. Thus at the time when the Government decided and they accepted all the conditions for the renewal, there was no idea of a War Risks Insurance at all. There was therefore no occasion for the Government to consider this matter when the draft deed was drawn up.

According to the Proclamation, it will be found that the duty to insure the factory and to pay the premium are cast upon the owner. I will just read the relevant portion.—

Section 5 (1). Every owner of a factory, except a factory belonging to Government or a factory exempted under section 11 from the provisions of this Proclamation, shall by such date as may be specified in this behalf by Government by notification in the Cochin Government Gazette, take out a policy of insurance against war risks issued in accordance with the War Risks (Factories) Insurance Scheme operated by the Government of India, whereby he is insured in respect of all property insurable under this Proclamation which appertains to the factory for a sum not less than the insurable value of such property.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: But this is a Government institution. What is the provision there?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The exception in the case of Government factories has been subsequently taken away. So, this factory has to be insured by Government and Government is bound to pay the premium. If the Government does not pay and if the occupier pays the premium, under the law, he will be entitled to get it from the Government.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: When was the deletion made?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I may bring to the notice of the House that regard being had to the political situation and to the fact of the factories being left without being insured, it was thought that we should also fall into line with the general policy, because this State cannot afford to stand by and lose. The point for consideration at the time when even the notes of the Diwan were passed on to me, there was absolutely no idea of a War Risks Insurance, and there was a completed contract between the parties.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Government could have foreseen the possibility of insurance. When the war began, any reasonable man ought to have foreseen that there should have been a contingency of War Risks Insurance.

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